REMARKS

New claim 13 is added herein. Claims 1, 5-7 and 10-13 are pending and under consideration.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are respectfully traversed. Independent claim 1, used as an example herein, recites the program data is stored in packets, and the extracting of the information comprises extracting description information of each packet and location information of the I-picture. Accordingly, the invention of claim 1 can start playback from a desired position of the I-picture on the disk without continuous playback of TS packets recorded on the disk.

In contrast, the time relationship table 2 of FIG. 20(b) shows the relationship between the time stamp information (ATS) recorded in each I-picture start time position and display time position (PTS). Ando, Abstract. The time stamp information is used for designating the transport packet position of an I-picture to be played back. Ando, col. 32, ln. 34-40; col. 32, ln. 64-col. 3, ln. 3. The ATS included in the time relationship table 2 has the same value as that of the corresponding ATS included in stream data, shown in FIG. 20(c) of Ando. However, when the stream data is recorded on a storage apparatus such as an HDD or DVD, if transport packets included in stream data are not continuously recorded, a desired transport packet can be found provided that a desired ATS is found by playback of the transport packets.

New claim 13 recites further features of the location information. These features are supported at least by present paragraph 39.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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